What is claimed is:

1. A memory board comprising:

a printed wiring board having a connector terminal;

a memory device mounted on the printed wiring board, and storing data used by an apparatus to which the printed wiring board is attached; and

a memory controller mediating data communication between the apparatus and the memory device,

wherein the memory controller is a programmable device where the content of the mediation is changeable.

- The memory board as claimed in claim 1, wherein the memory controller converts a control sent from the apparatus into a control compatible with the kind of the memory device.
- The memory board as claimed in claim 1, wherein the memory controller stores a setting information relevant to the memory device and mediates data communication according to the setting information.

An image forming apparatus comprising:

- a memory board;
- a connector for attaching the memory board; and
- a controller accessing the attached memory board to perform a control associated with image formation,

wherein the memory board, which is connected to the connector, comprises a printed wiring board having a connector terminal: a memory device mounted on the printed wiring board, and storing data used by an apparatus to which the printed wiring board is attached; and a memory controller mediating data communication between the apparatus and the memory device, and being a programmable device where the content of the mediation is changeable.

- 5. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the memory controller converts a control sent from the controller into a control compatible with the kind of the memory device.
- The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the memory controller is programmed by the controller of the image forming apparatus.
- A memory board comprising:
 - a printed wiring board having a connector terminal;
- a memory device mounted on the printed wiring board, and storing data used by an apparatus to which the printed wiring board is attached; and
- a memory controller converting a control for the memory device transmitted from the apparatus into a control compatible with the kind of the memory device.
- The memory board as claimed in claim 7, wherein the memory controller is a programmable device where the content of the conversion is changeable.
- 9. The memory board as claimed in claim 7, wherein the memory controller stores a setting information relevant to the memory device and converts control according to the setting information.